

FEDERAL STIMULUS FAQs (AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Overview

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) to stimulate the faltering economy and specifically to create or save 3.5 million jobs over the next two years. This large and complex \$787 billion stimulus package provides \$288 billion in tax relief, \$144 billion in state and local fiscal relief, and \$355 billion for federal social and spending programs.

What the Recovery Act means for San José – FAQ's

Can the Recovery Act funds that are allocated to San José be used to address the City's budget deficit?

The Recovery Act provides short-term funding, on a reimbursable basis, for very specific programs and projects that are intended to stimulate the economy. These projects will improve the City's infrastructure and create short term job growth. The Recovery Act funds will not, however, be able to address budget shortfalls in existing City budgets or support ongoing operating expenses although every effort will be made to advance projects that do result in long term operational cost savings and help the General Fund deficit.

How can I find out how much Recovery Act money is coming to the City of San José?

Until all the funding is distributed by the Federal government to states and local governments, we won't be able to determine the exact amount of funding coming to San José. Funds will be distributed through a combination of formula and competitive allocations, with varying allocation timelines between funding programs. As additional funding information is received over the next few weeks and months, the City's website will be continually updated to reflect the most current Recovery Act allocations to the City.

How does the City plan on utilizing Recovery Act funds?

The City has identified a variety of projects to maximize benefits to the community, create jobs, and promote environmental sustainability. These projects span a wide range of areas such as repaving City streets, investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy, providing affordable housing, and job training for youth and adults.

How can I learn about opportunities available through the Recovery Act?

	Federal www.recovery.gov	State www.recovery.ca.gov	County www.recoverySCC.org
Contracts	FedBizOpps.gov ; esrs.gov	Eprocurement.dgs.ca.gov	sccgov.org
Grants	Grants.gov	Grants.gov	
Loans	GovLoans.gov		
Businesses			sba.gov/recovery
Training			work2future.biz

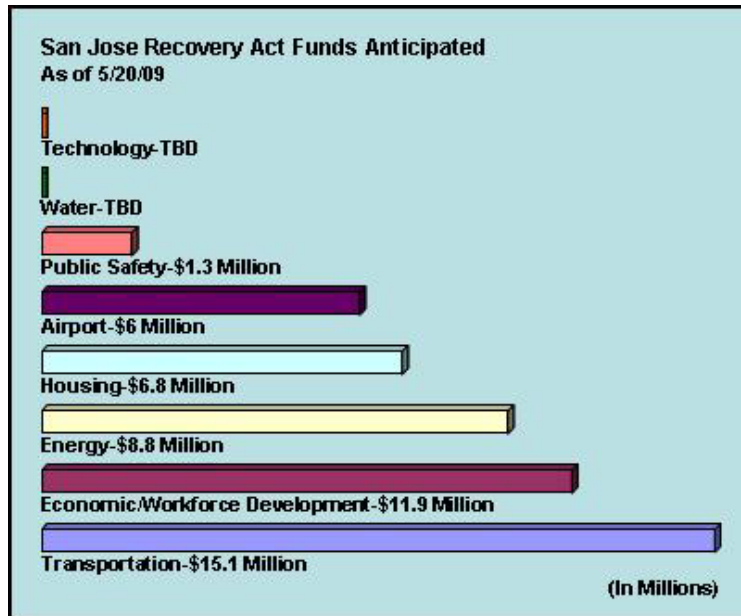
For more information on the City's efforts related to the Recovery Act, please access the City's internet site at: www.sanjoseca.gov/recoveryact

For contracting opportunities with the City, please go to www.bidsync.com

The City is committed to ensuring transparency and accountability in our use of Recovery Act funds. Concerns can be raised using the Whistleblower Hotline at: www.csj.gov/oer/fraudaudit.asp

San José Allocation and Benefits

The City anticipates receiving a substantial amount of funding through the formula allocation grants and is also looking to apply for discretionary grants. To date, it is anticipated that the City will receive approximately \$50 million through formula allocation as shown below.



Funding Program	Benefits to San Jose
Technology	Expand broadband technology to libraries and community centers.
Water	Expand the use of recycled water throughout the City and provide for clean drinking water.
Public Safety	Hire new police officers, purchase officer safety equipment and crime fighting technology and improve fire stations.
Airport	Provide baggage screening system, runway improvements, and airport facility improvements.
Housing	Create affordable housing opportunities and prevent homelessness.
Energy	Implement energy efficiency improvements on city facilities and residential buildings.
Economic/Workforce	Provide employment and training services to youth and adult individuals.
Transportation	Resurface streets, expand Diridon Station, extend BART to Silicon Valley and construct High Speed Rail.

Some examples of Recovery Act programs and projects

Housing Assistance - \$6.8 Million

Community Development Block Grant Program – These funds are intended to be used to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. The City will give priority to projects that can move forward quickly (award contracts within 120 days), create jobs and contain a “green” component. The majority of funds will go toward community development improvement projects, such as city infrastructure and economic development activities.

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program – This is as a new program created by HUD and seeks to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The City will utilize funds granted through this program to provide renters with financial assistance, such as rental assistance, security and utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance and hotel/motel vouchers. In addition, housing relocation and stabilization services, such as case management and housing search and placement will be provided.

Economic and Workforce Development - \$11.9 Million

Adult and Youth Employment and Training and Dislocated Worker Grants –

Job placement, counseling and training services will be provided for adult and dislocated worker clients. Work2future will also sponsor a summer work experience program for youth, ages 15-24.

Transportation - \$15.1 Million

Pavement Maintenance – \$15.1 million in Recovery Act funding, along with approximately \$375,000 of local and other state funding, is anticipated to resurface approximately 19 miles of some of the worst arterial roads in the City. Work on the Recovery Act project is anticipated to start in late July 2009.